

209-217 Main Street (Main Street Crescent)
Ossining
Westchester County
New York

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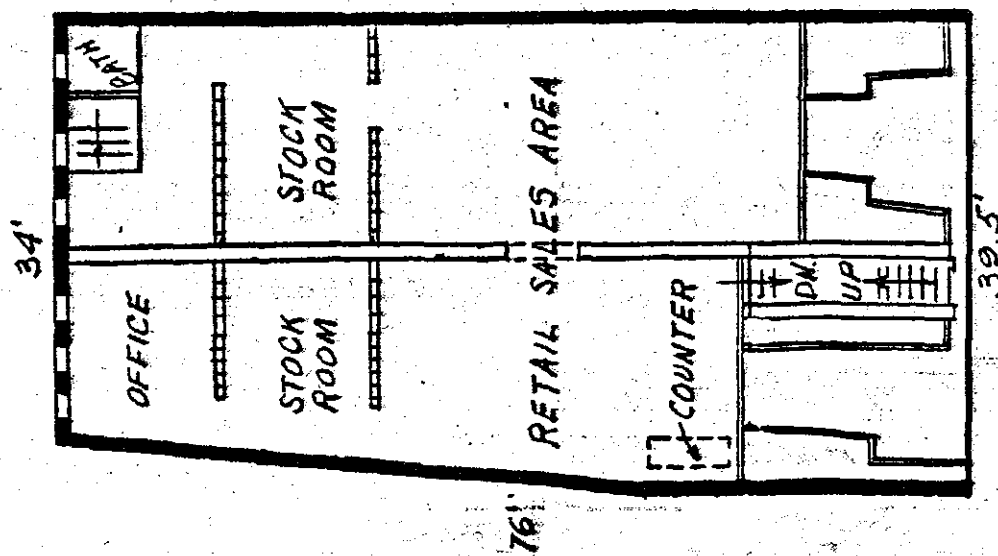
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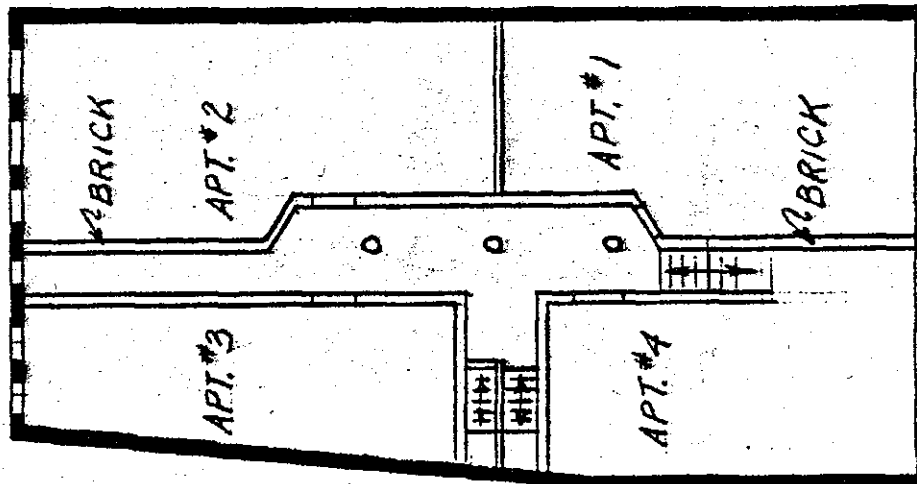
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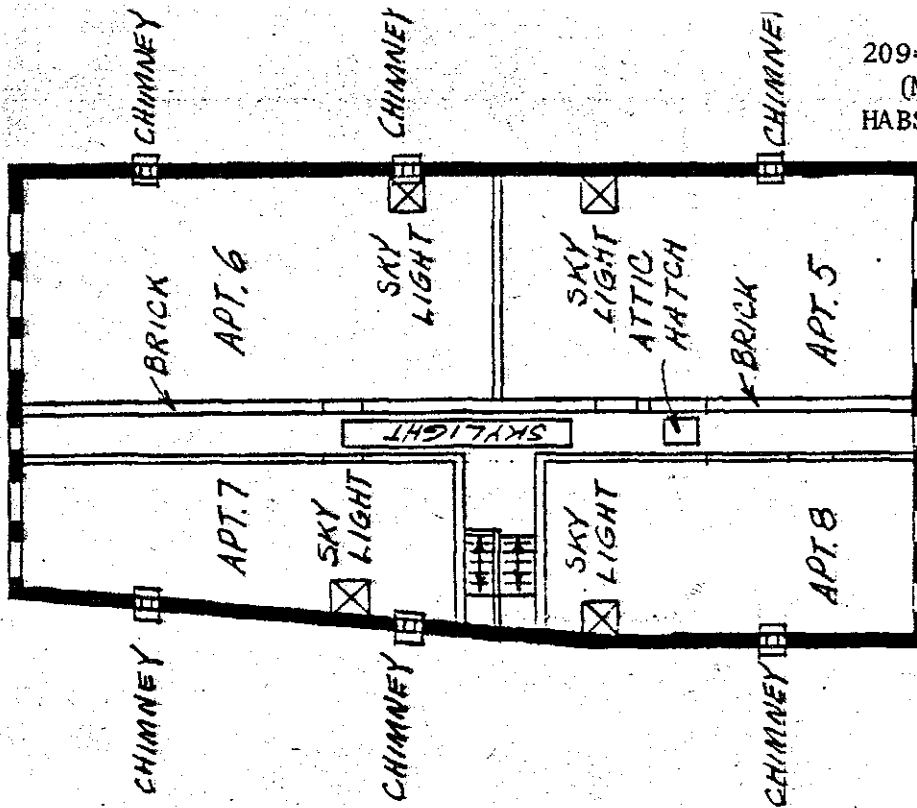
STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY WESTCHESTER	TOWN OR VICINITY OSSINING
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 209-211 MAIN STREET (MAIN STREET CRESCENT)		HABS NO. NY-5704
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) See Historic name of structure		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1874 (Source: Assessor's Office)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) See page 7 for "Main Street Crescent"		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Late 19th century commercial building style		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick throughout. Wood frame with light members.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The building is three stories high and the front elevation is five bays wide. See sketched floor plans on page 2		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE On the front elevation are pilasters and architrave members. The front windows have segmental arches and are embellished with lintels and sills. At the roof line is a heavily bracketed cornice of wood and metal construction. Four small skylights and one large skylight on top of the flat roof lights the third floor.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Cast-iron columns with acanthus leaf capitals and handsome stamped metal ceiling are the building's only ornate interior features; the rest of the interior is plain.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A new storefront was installed in 1954. It partially covered the original pilasters and the architrave members.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This project was the result of a Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in compliance with Executive Order 11593 as a mitigative effort in an urban renewal plan for the City of Ossining. The building was demolished in 1981.		
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SECOND FLOOR LAYOUT



THIRD FLOOR LAYOUT

**209-211 MAIN STREET
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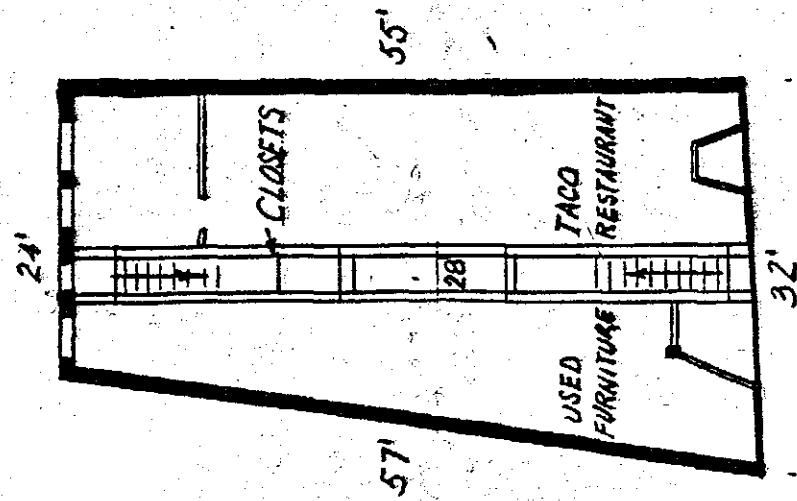
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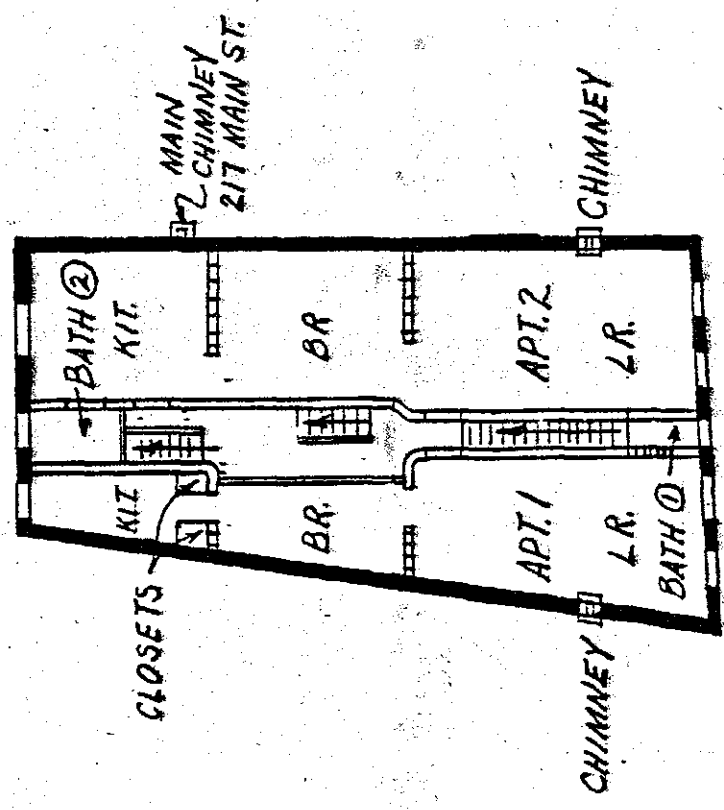
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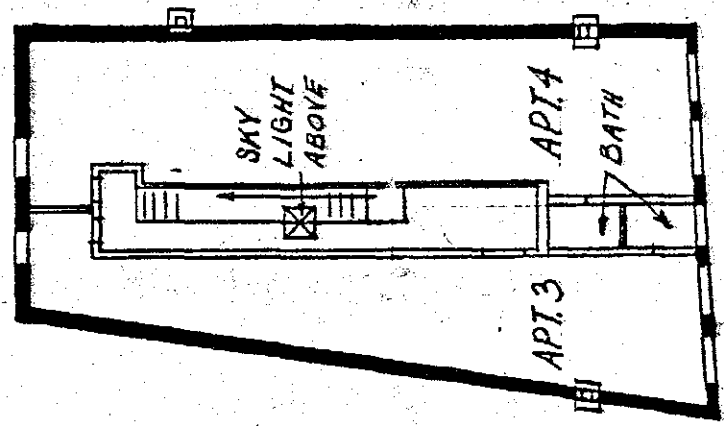
STATE NEW YORK		COUNTY WESTCHESTER	TOWN OR VICINITY OSSINING
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 213-215 MAIN STREET (MAIN STREET CRESCENT)			HABS NO. NY-5704
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) See Historic name of structure			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Ca. 1875 (Source: Assessor's Records)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) See page 7 for "Main Street Crescent"			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Late 19th century commercial building style			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick- running bond. Wood frame with light members.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The building is three stories high and the front elevation is five bays wide. See sketched floor plans on page 4.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Pilasters and architrave members decorate the front first floor. The windows have Victorian 2-over-2 double-hung sash and have decorative lintels and sills, both with incised designs. The cornice is heavy and wide with long brackets and is of wood and metal construction. A 13-panel skylight is in the center of the flat roof.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The stamped metal ceiling in the first floor is particularly ornate. There are also ornate ceiling fixtures in the second floor. The trim of second and third floors is plain. The stairway to upstairs rooms is also plain.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The front first floor was altered for wide store windows at an unknown date. In February 1959 an extra bathroom was built and the plumbing system was modified.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good			
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SECOND FLOOR LAYOUT



THIRD FLOOR LAYOUT

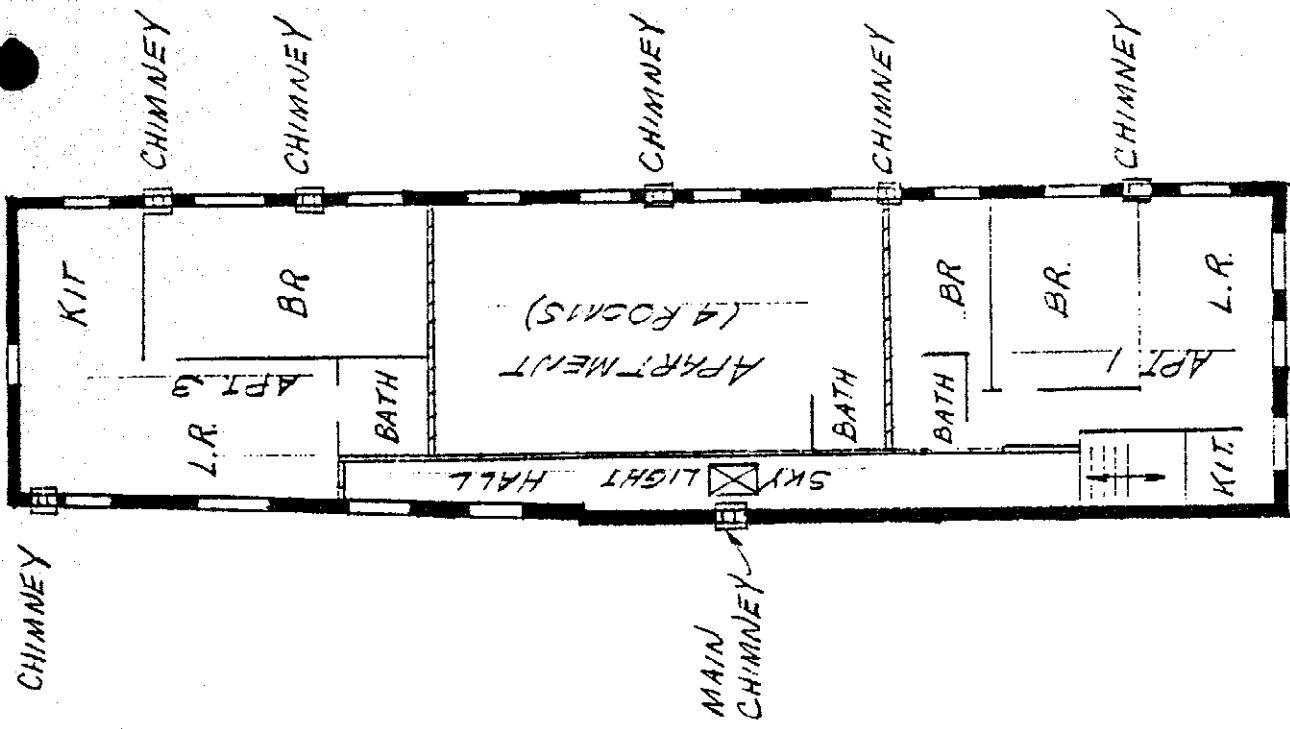
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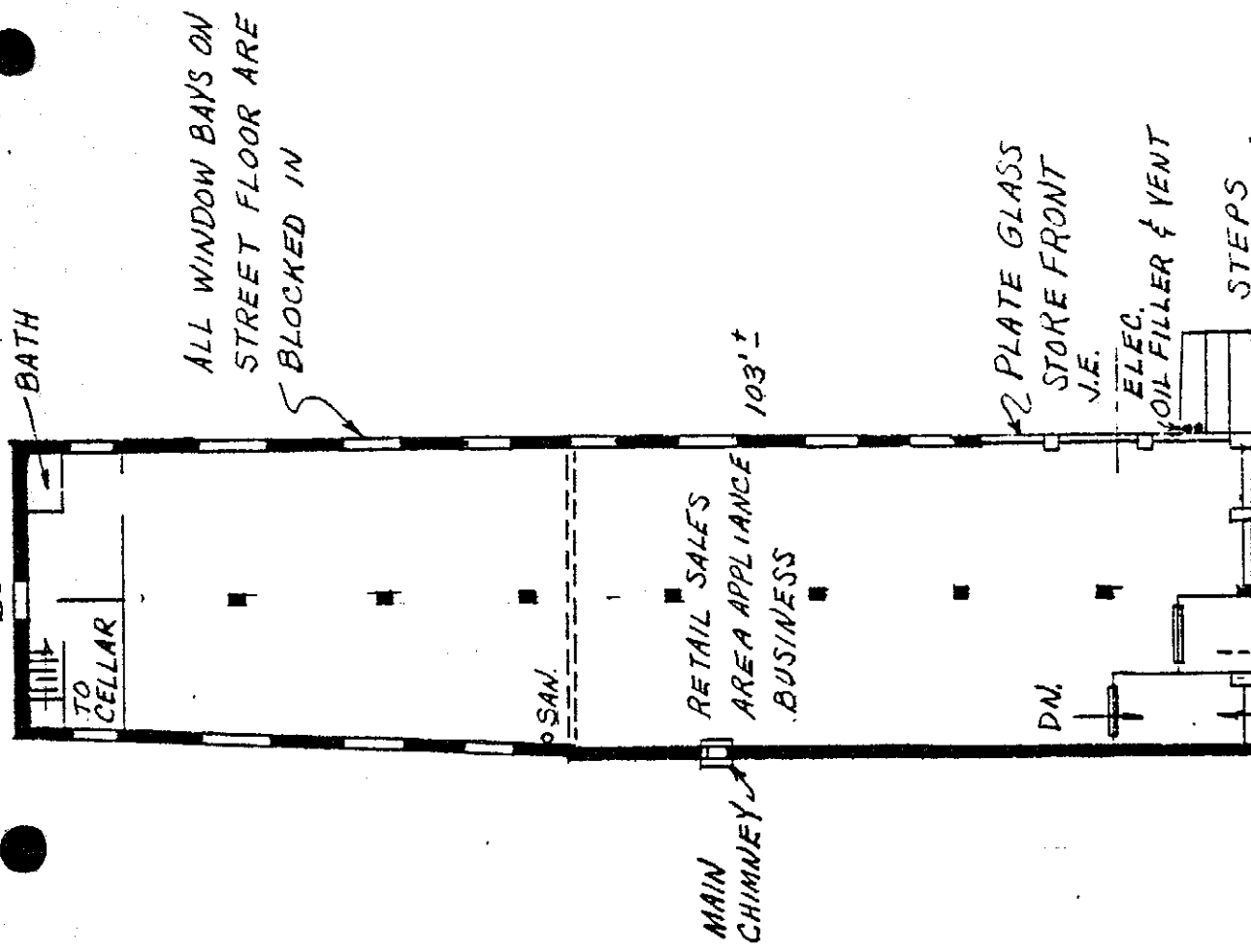
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STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY WESTCHESTER	TOWN OR VICINITY OSSINING
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 217 MAIN STREET (MAIN STREET CRESCENT)		HABS NO. NY-5704
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) See Historic name of structure		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1871	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) For many years the building was a hardware store called the Hubbell Hardware Company, and was owned and operated by the Hubbell family. Today the building is a retail appliance store. See also page 7 for "Main Street Crescent".		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular Renaissance Revival style		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, laid in running bond. Wood frame with light members.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The building is two-stories high with an unfinished, below-grade basement. The front elevation is three bays wide and the side elevation is ten bays wide. See page 6 for floor plans.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The windows on all elevations are arched and have brick lintels. In the front elevation there are two brick stringcourses, one between the second floor windows and the other at the cornice area. The flat roof has a denticulated overhang. There is a skylight in the roof.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The trim of windows and cornice is plain. In the basement there are cast-iron columns with acanthus leaf capitals and an arched brick entrance leading to the sidewalk.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The storefront was altered at an unknown date. Second floor has been partitioned into apartment units.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This project was the result of a Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in compliance with Executive Order 11593 as a mitigative effort in an urban renewal plan for the City of Ossining. The building will be re-located.		
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SECOND FLOOR LAYOUT



FIRST FLOOR LAY-OUT

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ALL WINDOW BAYS ON
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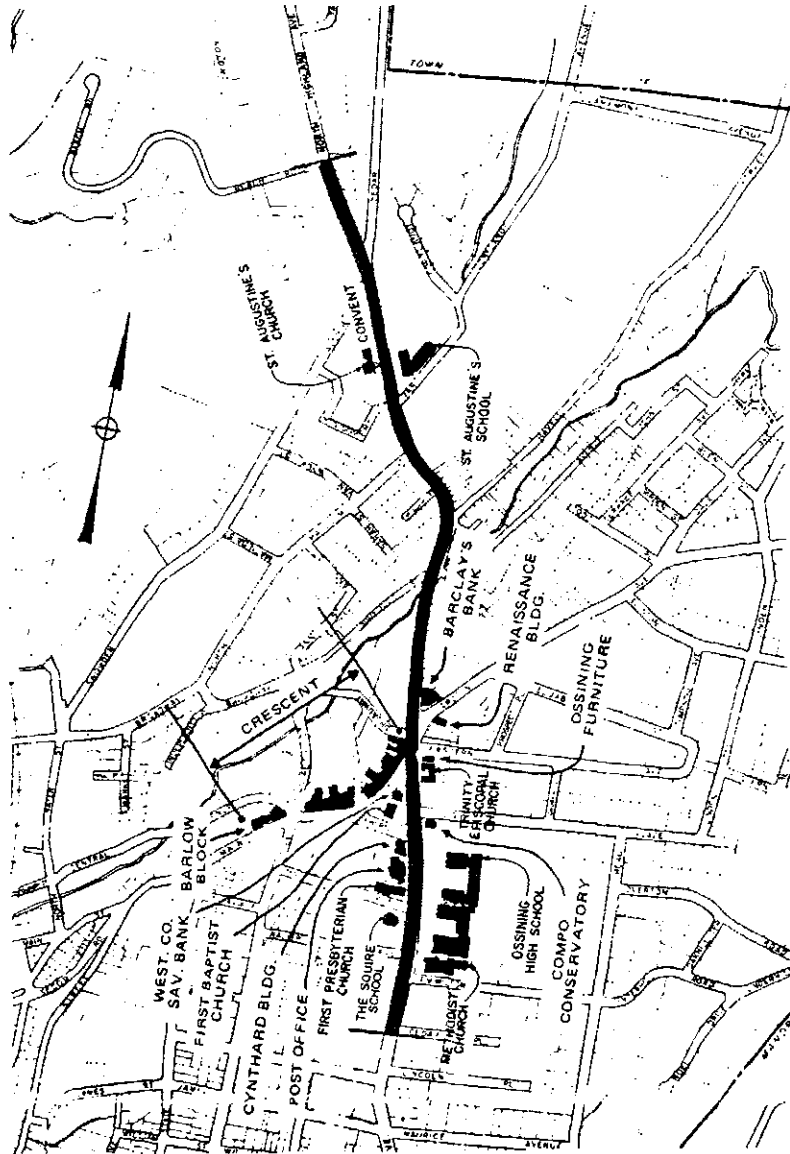
The Main Street Crescent is one of the main parts of the downtown district of the City of Ossining. The "Crescent" refers to a crescent-shaped portion of Main Street. The Crescent consists of three groups of buildings, one of which includes the 209-217 Main Street buildings. It begins on Main Street at Broadway Street, is intersected by busy U.S. Route 9, the Old Croton Aqueduct and Brandeth Street and ends at the Barlow Block, a group of buildings. See the map on page 8 for a view of the Crescent.

Since Main Street Crescent intersects at U.S. Route 9, heavy local and outside traffic pass through the intersection daily. To accomodate traffic, a road improvement project of U.S. Route 9 now being undertaken by U.S. Department of Transportation is widening the road. It has cut off a section of the curved part of the Crescent and demolished the 209-211 and 213-215 Main Street buildings. The 217 Main Street building is being re-located.

Main Street-Highland Avenue-Croton Avenue vicinity was formerly the location of an active marketplace known as the Pleasant Square. A popular post-revolutionary era tavern known as Ward's Tavern stood there. Inns, marketplaces and other taverns were also located there.

In the 17th century, Ossining, including the Main Street area, was part of a vast land tract belonging to royalist Frederick Philipse, who later received a royal charter combining all of his lands into the Manor of Philipseburg. In 1779, in accordance with an order from the New York State, the entire tract of the Manor was seized from the great-grandson of Philipse because of his sympathy toward the Crown. The land was then divided into individual parcels and sold in 1786 to the tenant farmers of the Manor who had been loyal to the American cause.

209-217 MAIN STREET
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MAP OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF OSSINING

Notes:

The thick black line is the U.S. Route 9 which is being widened.
Note that the road cuts through a section of the Crescent.